

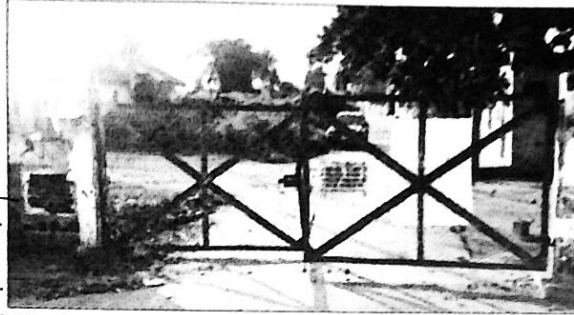
Lagos guard stabs carpenter to death for climbing estate fence

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A security guard, Dayon Ayuba, has been arrested by men of the Lagos State Police Command for allegedly stabbing a carpenter, identified simply as Taiye, to death on Nitel Estate, in the Ikorodu area of the state.

PUNCH Metro gathered that Taiye, who lived in the Mushin area of the state, visited his friend, Samuel Shobowale, to do some carpentry works at his residence on the estate, along Ota-Ona, Ikorodu.

After completing the work, Taiye was said to be on his way



• The estate

home when he decided to take a shortcut to quickly access the main road to board a vehicle to his destination.

A landlord on the estate,

who gave his name Bolade, said Taiye attempted to scale the fence of the estate to link the main road when Ayuba, who was on duty, accosted him around 8.40pm.

Bolade said, "The incident happened on May 14, 2022, but what happened after the incident was that all the security guards were sacked. The security guard was still new on the estate when he stabbed that man."

"The person (Taiye) wanted to scale the fence, but the security guard told him to pass through the official gate. He refused and decided to jump the fence. So, it led to a misunderstanding and both of them started fighting."

"In the process, the security guard brought out a knife and stabbed one of his laps. The man started bleeding and people rushed him to a hospital."

Our correspondent gathered that the 30-year-old was rushed to the Life Seminary Hospital, Ota-Ona, Ikorodu, where he was confirmed dead by a doctor.

Another resident, who asked not to be identified, said the police were contacted, adding that the suspects arrested were transferred to the State Criminal Investigation Department for further investigation.

He said, "The incident happened at night and the victim was one of the people working at a site on the estate, where many building constructions are ongoing. The security guard was just overzealous as there was nothing incriminating on the deceased."

The Chairman, Nitel Estate Residents Association, one Adeshida, said he was not privy to the incident, but would call his secretary and get back to our correspondent.

He had yet to do so as of press time.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Benjamin Hundeyin, said investigation into the incident was ongoing, adding that the suspect (Ayuba) had been arrested.

He said, "The suspect was promptly arrested and as of the time he was arrested, it was just a case of assault occasioning harm. But later, the person that was stabbed died and the investigation moved from that to homicide. The case has been transferred to the State Criminal Investigation Department."

Two die in Anambra crash, truck crushes Kogi student



• Scene of the Anambra crash

Ikenna Obianeri and
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A road traffic crash has claimed the lives of a bus driver and a female pedestrian at the front of the Adam and Eve Motors, Upper Iwaka, by Awka-Onitsha Expressway.

The accident, which occurred late on Wednesday, involved four people, comprising three male adults and one female adult.

Four vehicles - a Mercedes Benz truck, a Mercedes Benz car, a Suzuki bus and a Mistubishi L300 bus - were involved in the crash.

An eyewitness said the truck fully loaded with tiles and other building materials suffered brake failure and rammed into three stationary vehicles, killing the driver and the female pedestrian.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the killed bus driver was in his vehicle waiting for his turn to load, while the pedestrian was hawking sachet water along the road.

Those injured were taken to the Toronto Hospital for treatment, while the corpses were deposited at the hospital's morgue by the Federal Road Safety Corps rescue team from RS531, Upper Iwaka Outpost Command.

The Anambra Sector Commander, Federal Road Safety Corps, Adeoye Irelewuyi, commiserated with the families of the dead victims, and wished the injured quick recovery.

He urged drivers to ensure their vehicles met minimum safety standards before hitting the road.

"Traffic rules and regulations

must be obeyed at all times," he added.

In a related development, an articulated truck on Thursday crushed an okada rider, killing a 15-year-old secondary school student.

The accident, which occurred around 8am along Zango-Lokoja Road, also left two other persons injured.

PUNCH Metro learnt that the truck driver fled the scene as good Samaritans picked the injured and rushed them to Falvares Hospital, Zango, for medical attention.

The corpse of the girl, identified as Bola, was reportedly left on the road until the arrival of FRSC officials, who deposited the body in a mortuary.

It was gathered that there was tension at the scene of the accident when a mob tried to burn the truck, as security operatives stopped the action.

An eyewitness, Mike Adejoh, said, "The driver was at top speed when he crushed the commercial motorcycle, which led to the death of the innocent girl. The rider and another person were injured."

"Immediately he (driver) realised what he did, he jumped down and escaped."

The Kogi State Police Public Relations Officer, SP William Ovyo-Aya, confirmed the incident, adding that investigation had commenced.

The Kogi State Sector Commander, FRSC, Mr Stephen Dawulung, said his men had deposited the corpse of the minor at the Federal Medical Centre's mortuary.